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E.O. 11652: N/A
TAGS: PINT PGOV UK
SUBJECT: GENERAL ELECTION OFF

1. FOLLOWING A CABINET DEBATE THIS MORNING, PRIME
MINISTER CALLAGHAN APPEARED ON TELEVISION THIS EVENING
AND ANNOUNCED HIS DECISION NOT TO CALL GENERAL ELECTIONS
AT THIS TIME. CALLAGHAN SAID HE THOUGHT HIS PARTY AND
POLICIES ENJOYED DEEP POPULAR SUPPORT AND THAT THE
BRITISH PUBLIC DESERVED THE OPPORTUNITY TO SEE THEM
THROUGH FOR ANOTHER YEAR. HE DID NOT, HOWEVER, DESCRIBE
THE POLITICAL ARRANGEMENT IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS BY
WHICH HE EXPECTS TO SURVIVE THE COMING YEAR WITHOUT A
FIRM MAJORITY.

2. CALLAGHAN'S DECISION WILL COME AS A SURPRISE TO THE
PUBLIC AND MANY POLITICAL WRITERS WHO HAVE BEEN
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PREPARING FOR MONTHS FOR AN AUTUMN ELECTION. NEVERTHE-
LESS, IT HAS ALWAYS BEEN CLEAR THAT CALLAGHAN WOULD
PERSONALLY PREFER A SPRING ELECTION BASED ON THE NEW
REGISTER WHICH FAVORS LABOUR AND THAT MANY OF HIS
CABINET COLLEAGUES, ESPECIALLY MICHAEL FOOT,
WERE OPPOSED TO ELECTIONS NOW.
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